

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see appeal brief, filed July 8, 2011, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1 under James et al in view of Lynch have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. Upon further consideration the new ground(s) of rejection that was made in view of Sibbitt (US 5,065,392) on December 14, 2011 does not properly teach the following limitation:

"verification by the actions manager that the resources involved in accomplishing the action will be available at a time when the action is to be carried out as specified by the time indication" .

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-21 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose, suggest or teach the following limitation "sending a request for programming an action by a client application to a manager of preprogrammed actions of a device of the network, the programming request including a set of parameters defining the action including a time indication and a list of resources involved in accomplishing the action, verification by the actions manager that the resources involved in accomplishing the action will be available at a time when the action is to be carried out as **specified by the time indication**, transmission to the client application of

a message of acceptance or of refusal of the programming of the action on the part of the preprogrammed actions manager depending on the result of the verification.”

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMIE ATALA whose telephone number is (571)272-7384. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9am-5pm.

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